

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Common Council of the City of Weyauwega was called to order at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, August 21, 2023 in the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers by Mayor Rich Luedke.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Dewey Stelzner, Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson, and Shani Appleby. Not present: Kaley DuCoeur. Also present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, James Card, Frank Zabojski, Kim Rogers, Kylie Bachaus, Rob Loughrin, Rhett Loughrin, Calvin Loughrin, Brenley Knudsen, Codi Loughrin, Sgt. Zube, Stephanie Haase, Kallie Ogl, Sam Berry, Cathy Spiegelberg, Richard Rupno, Jack Spierings, Sgt. Bryan Strobosch & Family, Donovan Waege, Addy Mitchell, Donna Anacker, Randy Mitchell. The meeting began with the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bruce Goetsch.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve the agenda. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Common Council Meeting from July 17, 2023 and the Special Common Council from July 31, 2023. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".

Citizen Appearances: Library Representative, Frank Zabojski, reported that the board is working on finances for the building project. Making sure everything is in order and waiting for the State approved plans. Please reach out to Frank or Kelly if you have any questions on the building project.

Weyauwega Chamber President, Kim Rogers, passed out an update from the Car Show. It went very well even with rain towards the end of the night. 132 cars were registered. There are photos and a video on the Chamber Facebook page. She also went over some of the Horse & Buggy Days events that are finalized so far.

Public Works Committee: No Action for Council.

Finance Committee: *Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to move forward with the name changes to the Developer's Agreement for lots #24, 25 & 26 in Mill Pond Circle. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".*

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to approve the Waupaca County Fair Sponsorship for 2023. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Stelzner, second Goetsch, to approve the electronic approval and distribution of payroll to employee's personal email starting 01/01/2024. Motion carried with four "ayes", zero "nays".

Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to approve checks from 07/01/2023 through 07/31/2023 totaling \$319,900.38 and the monthly financial reports. A roll call vote was taken with "ayes" from Gunderson, Goetsch, Appleby and Stelzner; "nays" none.

Police, Fire, & Ambulance Committee: No Action for Council. City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke performed swearing in of new part-time officer Kylie Bachaus.

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Public Health & Relief (Ordinance) Committee: No Action for Council

Recreation Committee: *Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to install a kickstand fixture to the trail in the park at 38” to make it ADA compliant. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”. Will work on signage later for Clark Street to the walking trail in the park.*

Public Property & Purchasing Committee: No Action for Council

Plan Commission: *Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve the conditional use permit for St. Peters Lutheran Church & School at 312 W Main Street. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Gunderson, second Appleby, to approve the sign ordinance changes as presented. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve hiring Jeffrey Sanders with Community Planning & Consulting LLC and get working on the Comprehensive Plan Update as soon as possible. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Old Business: 118 E Main Street Update: Schroeder reported that there is an individual trying very hard to save the building and has been in contact with Wendy Bennett. In the meantime Schroeder is working to get quotes from contractors on the cost to raze the building. Once all the quotes come in Schroeder will reach out to the individual and see where they are in acquiring the proper insurance that is needed.

New Business: *Motion Goetsch, second Stelzner, to approve a Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License for the Weyauwega-Fremont FFA Alumni for October 14, 2023. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.*

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to approve an operator’s license for Sandra Samp, The Corner Bar. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to approve the parade permit for the Weyauwega-Fremont High School Homecoming Parade on October 13, 2023 with no fee waiver. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve the proclamation for National Rail Safety Week from September 14-24, 2023. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to accept the resignation of Council Member Tim Litscher. Motion carried with three “ayes” and one “nay” from Stelzner. City Clerk Loehrke will now advertise for a District 2 vacancy. Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to approve advertising for the District 2 vacancy on City Council. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Approved the hiring of Mr. Sanders and Community Planning & Consulting LLC to help with the updating of the Comprehensive Plan. Will get a timeline and information on the process back from him to proceed.

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Motion Goetsch, second Stelzner, to accept the resignation of City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder. Motion carried with three “ayes” and one “nay” from Gunderson. Schroeder’s last day will be Wednesday, September 13th.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Luedke welcomed everyone to help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Waupaca County Fair. Lots of free events and shows going on this week. Come and check it out!

Administrator’s Report: Administrator Schroeder had nothing more to report.

Police Chief’s Report: Chief Leschke gave an update on a few items:

- The department had 202 calls for service. Predict that the month of August will be higher.
- Purchased a speed trailer from New London at a reasonable cost. Will be getting logos added to it and will be using around the fairgrounds during the fair.
- Welcome to Kylie! She is a great addition to the department.
- The full-time candidate will be having psychological testing on Wednesday. Hoping to have 1st full day of training around September 11th.

The September Meeting Calendar was set.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Gunderson, second Goetsch, to move into Closed Session at 6:57 pm pursuant to §19.85(1)(c) Wis. Stats., in consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any city employee who is subject to the jurisdiction or authority of the council. The reason for the closed session is Administrator Replacement Process. If the Council convenes in such closed session, the Council may, pursuant to §19.85(2), reconvene into open session to act upon or report action, if any, on the reason for the closed session and to consider any additional items on the agenda. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Gunderson, second Stelzner, to move back into open session at 7:18 pm. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Stelzner, second Appleby, to advertise for a Public Works Supervisor immediately with starting wages at \$29.00/hour and up pending qualifications. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Stelzner, second Gunderson, to look into McMahon for potential Interim City Administrator. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Motion Goetsch, second Appleby, to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Motion carried with four “ayes”, zero “nays”.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk